Lord Hugh Cecil, who is the most promising mong the rising men in the House, electrified the audience by the earnestness of conviction he displayed in attacking the Church Discipline bill. Sensible men perceive clearly that force is not the remedy, and that the Archbishop's court of moral suasion, now in session, will not settle the religious question. The English Church must be armed with functions of self-government, either with or without disestablishment, before the religious question can be taken out

"The Daily Mail," having cleverly shifted the sponsibility for the continuance of Sunday editions of great papers upon "The Daily Teletakes no note of the public agitation gainst them. "The Daily Telegraph" is forced to-day to take up the cudgels in its own defence against the Home Secretary, but confesses that in the last resort Sunday journalism is a question of public demand, and that distasteful wares will not be forced upon readers who do not want them. The settlement of this moral question is virtually remanded to the British

Lord Hopetoun's lottery remains the chief topic of the West End, where the dulness of this week's Drawing Room is ascribed to the mischievous balloting system by which some of the smartest ladies are crowded out. Next week the Queen will receive the homage of London, when she performs two simple but characteristic functions; one is the visit to her birthplace, Kensington Palace, with several of her children, and the other is the completion of the work begun by the Prince Consort in 1857 at South Kensington, where she will lay the foundation stone of the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Although there is a series of stately functions ext week, the season is so dull that even drawng-room teas for a private view of court or presentation costumes are events, and ambitious hostesses are arranging dances and balls for dates next month which are ordinarily reserved There is, indeed, so much leisure for hours of indolence that one society journal announces gravely that a new thought reader has appeared several times at Marlborough House, and that the smart sets are now taking up the wizard at the high charge of ten guineas a visit.

The opera season has opened in Covent Garden with brilliant social patronage; the best night was Thursday, when "Tristan und Isolde" coincided with Lady Crossley's ball at the Savoy Hotel, and brought out a splendid display of diamonds was at his best, and there was great enthusiasm over Wagner's matchless work. Music-lovers are complaining of high prices on the special German nights, when the uppermost seat under the roof brings five shillings, and the prices of stalls are run up by speculators from thirty for complaint. Mr. Grau not only provides Vanity Pair with an occasion for the exhibition of fewels and costumes, but enables lovers of music to enjoy the production of the greatest operas with an adequate orchestra, the best singers of the day and improved stage management. The brilliant audiences and the remarkable performance of "Tristan" are signs that the new opera season will be equally successful in its social and musical aspects. The great feature of Mr. Robert Newman's

musical festival this week has been the production of Perosi's three oratories. The effect of these Italian works has been distinctly disapcointing. While the devotional spirit of Perosi's music is generally recognized by English critics, his harmonic schemes and orchestration are considered crude, and he is not credited with exceptional powers of musical expression. His "Resurrection of Christ" is regarded as much stronger than "The Transfiguration" or "The Resurrection of Lazarus," but the best criticism of England, the natural home of oratorio, is that these cathedral works are of second-rate importance for the concert-room, and will not live.

More than one hundred and twenty-five pictures, mainly old masters of the Italian, Dutch and early English schools, were sold at Christie's to-day from the estate of Sir Cecil Miles and Lord Methuen's and other private galleries. Three Raphaels fetched low prices, as they were not authentic works, but "The Holy Family," by Rubens, was sold for 8,200 guineas. The same painter's "Conversion of St. Paul" and "The Woman Taken in Adultery" were auctioned off for 1,950 guineas each. These three pictures were bought by Agnew on his own account. Two portraits by Franz Hals brought 5,000 guineas together, and Sir H. Raeburn's "Innocence" 1,900 guineas. There is a good deal of downright plunging done at these art sales by speculators, but old masters are always rated

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"Last spring I was taken with severe pains in my chest, and was so weak I could hardly walk about the house," says Mrs. G. E. Kerr, of Fort Dodge, Webster Co., Iowa. "I ried several physiciaus and they told me I had consumption, I heard of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and I thought I would try some of it. Before I had taken the irst bottle I was very much better. I took five bottles of it and have not yet had any return of the trouble." Headache is cured by using Dr. Pierce's Pellets.

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THE INTERESTING MEETING OF PRESI DENT LOUBET AND EX-SPEAKER REED.

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AND SOCIETY.

[BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.] Paris, May 13 .- A Parisian event of exceptional interest to Americans was the meeting of President Loubet and ex-Speaker Reed, which took place on Tuesday at the Elysée Palace. It will be remembered that M. Loubet was formerly President of the Senate, and the conversation turned upon a comparison of the systems of parliamentary ruling and procedure in France and the United States. Mr. Reed was agreeably surprised at M. Loubet's thorough knowledge of the working machinery of the House of Representatives. The veteran parliamentarians of the two great republics, through the medium of a fluent interpreter, talked with the utmost frankness of the merits and shortcomings of the two systems from a technical point of view and with all the keenness of two amateurs discussing some rare work of art.

Those present were struck by the contrast pre sented by Mr. Reed's tall, massive frame, Anglo-Saxon phiegm and impassibility, and M. Loubet's short stature and Latin vivacity of gesture The ex-Speaker was favorably impressed with M. Loubet's breadth of views, versatility, simplicity and earnest directness of expression, and the complete absence of anything approaching pedantry or pretension. President Loubet, when subsequently alluding to the visit, remarked that Mr. Reed impressed him as possessing Puritanical austerity with an enormous store of re served intellectual and moral force, which he (Loubet) had always associated with Benjamin Franklin.

Mr. Reed has not yet visited the French Chamber of Deputies. Before doing so he will meet M. Paul Deschanel, President of the Chamber, at a small informal breakfast, to which Mr. Reed looks forward with unusual pleasure, especially as M. Deschanel is thoroughly familiar with English, while Mr. Reed's French, like that of Benjamin Franklin, is limited to theory. The ex-Speaker seems to be in excellent health and spirits, and greatly enjoys his stay in Paris.

The fourteenth centenary of the baptism of Clovis was celebrated on Thursday, Ascension Day, by the production at the Cathedral of Rheims of an oratorio composed by M. Théodore Dubois, director of the Paris Conservatory of Music, himself a native of Rheims, upon an ode written and dedicated to France by Pope Leo XIII entitled "The Baptism of Clovis." oratorio is divided into three parts-"Baptism," "Epopée," "Awakening." It comprises five grand orchestral morceaux, with chorus, chants and soli. It was performed by one hundred and thirty singers and eighty orchestral musicians, while M. Dubois himself conducted. He has eschewed attempts to imitate Gounod and Perosi by min gling sentimentality with the Gothic forms of Bach, and his present work marks a return toward the ecclesiastical inspirations of Palestrina The polyphonic passages are successful, the choral melodies impressive. Nearly all the musical celebrities of Paris were present. It is impossible to imagine more sublime surrounding for such an oratorio than the magnificent basilica of the Rheims Cathedral, with a sea of sunshine pouring through the rich stained-glass windows, illuminating the Cardinal, robed in red. and surrounded by the assembled clergy in golden chasubles, while the Gothic architecture and mediæval tapestries were in perfect harmony with this remarkable composition. It is likely soon to be heard in America, England and Germany. The next performance of this oratorio will be given in Rome in the presence of the Pope.

Art sales have now become the fashionable rendezvous of Parisian society. The Doria sale ended on Tuesday, producing a total of \$226,000, and at to-day's view of the Mulbacher collection of eighteenth century art a large contingent of on his eloquence and marvellous acquaintance with the French tongue, adding: "Archbishop Ireland Americans put in their appearance, including Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Drexel, Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Mrs. Hughes Hallet, Mr. Eugene Higgins, Mr. George Scott and many others. The sale begins on Monday with twentyfour Fragonards, of which eight are oils and eleven water-colors and fine miniatures. There are delicious Watteaus, Nattiers and Lancrets, and works by Greuze, Isabey and Lavreince Altogether there are sixty oil paintings and four hundred water-colors and pastels, and Houdon's marbles, "Le Baiser Donné" and "Le Baiser Rendu." The picture particularly admired today by Americans is the portrait of Mme. de Pompadour's daughter, Alexandrine Etioles, painted by Boucher in 1749, a little girl in blue kissing a bird in its cage. Several of the Fragonards once belonged to Mme. Récamier.

Another collection to be sold at the end of the month at the Georges Petit Gallery is that of the pictures and furniture belonging to the Duc de Valençay and Sagan, which, owing to a family dispute, is brought under the hammer. These objects have been the property of the Talleyrand-Périgord family since 1805, when Talleyrand purchased them at the instigation of Napoleon, who himself made up the difference between the price his Minister could afford to pay and the purchase money due the owner, M. de Lucay. The Valançay collection includes Nattier's masterpiece representing the Duchesse de Chateauroux as a goddess seated on a cloud, and the Marquise de Flavacour, her sister, as Venus disarming Cupid. It also contains a portrait of Christopher Columbus painted during his lifetime by Sebastian del Piombo, which, at the request of the United States Government, was lent to the Chicago World's Fair in 1893. Its authenticity is beyond question, but it is unlikely that the great navigator ever posed for it, because it has been established that the artist never left Italy, and Columbus never entered Italy after 1484. But the great attraction of the Valançay sale are the sets of superb Louis XVI furniture in carved gilt with Beauvals tapestry. also the furniture in Coromandel lacquer bronze, which, in the opinion of experts, is the finest workmanship of the sort seen in any public sale for many years.

Numerous small dances and receptions have been given in the American colony, the most brilliant dance of the season being given by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ridgway in honor of the coming out of their nieces, the Misses O'Connor. Mrs. Luckermeyer gave a small dinner; among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Cotton, Mrs. Ingraham, Mrs. Jaffray, Mrs. Griswold Gray and Mr. and Mrs. Carrick Riggs. Ambassador Porter will give a dinner on Tuesday to the Duke of Arcos, the Spanish Minister to Washington, and the Duchess of Arcos. Mrs. Potter Palmer and Miss Julia Grant are busy selecting the latter's elaborate trousseau for her coming wedding, and intend to return to America on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, sailing on May 24.

Among the passengers sailing to-day on the St. Louis are Commissioner Peck and Mrs. Peck, General Bates, Mrs. Bates and General J. C. Smith. The passengers on La Touraine include Mr. and Mrs. John Chapman and Mr. Arthur

TO GO BEFORE SAMOAN COMMISSION. Lexington, Ky., May 18.-In response to a cable gan, former United States Consul-General to Bamoa, started to-day for Apia, where he will ap-pear before the Joint High Commission of the Powers to represent the interests of planters and business men of the island.

DISSENSIONS AMONG LIBERALS.-Lord Roseery's speech before the London Liberal Club on May 5, in the course of which he expressed a wish for the revival of the old Liberal spirit, has proved an oratorical apple of discord of the first order. It elicited a virulent reply from Sir William Ver non Harcourt in a speech before the Devonshire Club, which has been the political sensation of the week. Sir William's speech bore witness to the bitterness of the duel for the leadership of the Liberal party between himself and Lord Rosebery and to the pent-up personal feeling of the speaker against Lord Rosebery, who was responsible for his temporary effacement. In the course of Sir William Vernon Harcourt's speech he declared that Lord Rosebery's words were tantamount to the advice, Take a sponge and wipe out the giorious inheritance which Mr. Gladstone left to the party before his ashes are cold." The Liberal organs have taken up the cudgels in

behalf of Lord Rosebery and talk to Sir William in straight fashion. "The Speaker" calls his interpretation of Lord Rosebery's words "A most absurd and malicious falsification of his meaning and the worst example in recent years of downright misrepresentation." "The British Weekly" says Sir William's attack was grossly unjust and slanderus, and only to be accounted for by a rancor of hatred amounting almost to madness mouthpieces of the Liberal party insist that Lord Rosebery in urging a return to the Liberalism of 1886 did not mean a change of programme, but a return to the party discipline and cohesion that exreturn to the party discipline and cohesion that existed in the halcyon days of Liberalism. Sir William to-day announces that he will speak to his constituents on May 24. His utterances are awaited with the keenest interest, and another speech in his best fighting style is expected. Meanwhile the Conservative press interprets Lord Rosebery as Sir William does, and in some quarters the opinion is expressed that Lord Rosebery's utterances are nothing less than a direct bid for Joseph Chamberlain, and a prelude to Rosebery identifying himself with the Liberal-Unionists.
"The Sun" says that Lord Rosebery's abandonment and his explicit acceptance of the Liberal-Unionist programme might, in the event of a Conservative victory at the next elections, possibly be marked by the offer and his acceptance of Cabinet rank.

THE PHILIPPINE QUESTION.-The English press practically abstains from comment upon the latest phase of affairs in the Philippine Islands. Filipinos in London insist that there is no proba-bility of success of the peace negotiations at Manila; and yet, on the other hand, from well-informed English sources it is stated that the rebellion must end shortly. The Americans, by their latest operations, have occupied the whole of the Tagal country, and Aguinaido and his colleagues have now been driven to the Pampanga country, the people of which are quite distinct from the Tagals, and certainly cannot be relied upon to support Aguinaido.

AMERICAN ENGINES ABROAD.-The well known labor leader, George N. Barnes, secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, has taken up the question of the American locomotive invaon of Great Britain, and this week has issued a statement denying that the recent engineering strike had anything to do with the purchase of American engines. Mr. Barnes says the fact is that British labor has been and still is kept so fully employed supplying all the world, from China to Peru, that no time is left to supply English railroads. He then descants upon the latitude allowed American as compared with English contractors. Mr. Barnes quotes official figures, showing a steady increase in the value of English exports of locomotives from £842,660 in 1893 to £1,482,759 in 1898, and concludes: "The great advantage enjoyed by American producers arises from the centralization of industry. American combines, whatever their temporary result on the status of workmen, have certainly resulted in the more economical use of labor. Centralization and specialization are giving an enormous advantage to American firms, and, inasmuch as they are entirely on the line of progress, we would welcome them here."

ANGLO-AMERICAN DEMONSTRATION-One gregational Union here this week was an Anglo-American demonstration on Thursday, when American delegate, the Rev. Dr. Judson Smith, aroused intense enthusiasm by an eloquent address, in the course of which he touched upon America's gratitude for England's support at a critical moment. Dr. Smith said: "Whatever friction or irritation there may have been in the past, that is all over now. We hope to prove at every time and in every emergency a friend to England, as England proved our friend." Dr. Fairbairn warmly welcomed Dr. Smith's utterances, and expressed confidence that America's new departure meant the growth of a new religious impuise, a new moral enthusiasm and a new divine passion in the policies of the world. America's gratitude for England's support at a

PRAISE FOR ARCHBISHOP IRELAND .-- Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, made a most favorable impression by his oration at the Joan of Arc ceremony at Orléans on Monday, and has been asked to deliver a panegyric on St. Clotilde to-morrow at St. Clotilde's, Faubourg St. Germain. The Paris "Débats" highly compilmented Archbishop Ireland rectness in the use of expressions which even many French orators do not possess, and he is capable, with his bold evangelical ideas, of stirring great multitudes." "The Daily Chronicle" characterizes as a remarkable utterance this sentence in Archishop Ireland's Orleans panegyrie: "Let us by all means be careful not to take away one inta from the faith, but let us also take care not to add to it ideas and interpretations which are binding upon nobody." "This," says "The Chronicle." "is exactly what so many Roman churchmen are always prone to do. The struggle of Archbishop Ireland and his American friends against these forces of narrowness and reaction is an interesting episode, and we are curious to see the result. Archbishop Ireland is treading on delicate ground, which may break under his feet." rectness in the use of expressions which even many

SEVERE MEASURES AGAINST JEWS .- The Russian Government has decided upon exceptional measures against the Jews, doubtless owing to the intense feeling against them prevailing in many parts of Russia at the present time. The first anti-Jewish measure was promulgated yesterday, under which the stay of all-even foreign-Jews is prohibited in St. Petersburg. No exemption will be even in the case of French Jews. There made even in the case of French Jews. There have been serious outbreaks against the Jews at Nicolaieff in connection with the Easter festivities of the Greek Church. The Jews there number 30,000 out of a total population of 10,000. The rioters, who were mostly laborers, numbered 5,000. They wrecked hundreds of Jewish houses and shops, desecrated Jewish graves and killed and injured a large number. About four hundred of the rioters were arrested after several furious conflicts with Cossacks, several of whom, it is reported, were stoned or beaten to death with heavily weighted slings, with which the rioters attacked the police.

GIRL WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.-The golf season has opened with increased popularity. The cluded yesterday at Newcastle, County Down, Irecluded yesterday at Newcastle, County Down, Ire-land, revealed a golf wonder in the person of Mina M. Hezlet, who is a girl of seventeen and a native of Antrim. There was great surprise when she defeated the crack player, Lottle Dod, in the semi-final and won the championship easily. H. J. Whig-ham, the ex-champion of America, is entered for the amateur golf championship on May 23.

CLEMENT SCOTT'S BOOK.-Clement Scott has completed the first volume of his reminiscences. It will make a book of six hundred pages, and has been written in the last three months. In an interview Mr. Scott said: "I shall deal at length with the progress of the American stage, with a special the progress of the American stage, with a special reference to the American influx here. We do not send so many actors and actresses to the United States, because we have not them. Our performers are not sufficiently serious about art, but have been ruined by society, their first consideration being smart parties, dinners and private views. As a result, we have no Annie Russells or Maude Adamses."

MR. BARTHOLDT'S PLANS .- Among the American visitors here are Congressman Richard Bartholdt, of St. Louis, and his wife and niece. Bartholdt, of St. Louis, and the will go to Paris on Monday, going thence to Germany, Switzerland and Italy, and returning to the United States by way of Genoa. Mr. Bartholdt visited the House of Commons last evening.

AMERICAN ACTORS IN ENGLAND.-With the opening of what may be called the American theatrical season in London, there comes a cry from certain local managers and writers for protection. and a demand that American players should be judged by as rigorous tests as are applied to native judged by as rigorous tests as are applied to native artists. "The Pail Mall Gazette" takes the grumblers to task to-day, saying that "If the peculiar exquisite gifts of an Ada Rehan, an Annie Russell, a William Gillette or a John Drew have received instant and el-queent recognition here, it is because each had something to offer that none of our pisyers could give. For the same reason our Irvings, Willards and Kendals have had fortunes poured into their pockets when they made tours abroad. Nor is even the Napoleon of the stage, Frohman, without his Waterloo as well as his Austerlitz. Gallantly has he bowed before defeat ere this. It is only the third-rate actor and the third-rate manager who is ferrified at wholesome competition."

CHOATE'S PORTRAIT BY SARGENT .- The Inited States Ambassador, Joseph H. Choate, is fiving daily sittings to J. S. Sargent for a portrait. LONDON SEASON OPENS.-With beautiful

WHAT LONDON TALKS OF. | summerlike weather this week, the season seems to be finally in full swing. The liotels, picture exhibitions and Rotten Row are crowded daily, while numerous parties, given by hostesses prominent in the social world, fill every night. season has opened at Hurlingham and Ranelagh, and these country clubs are also attracting large numbers of fashionable people. Many Americans are already here, and the hotel and shopkeepers are jubilant at the prospect of a large invasion from over seas. The greatest interest centres in the Queen's visit to London next week to hold a Drawing Room and to lay the foundation-stone of the Albert and Victoria Museum, at Kensington. most brilliant of the season. There has been a most brilliant of the season. There has been a rush of great ladies to attend this particular function, but a great deal of heart-burning has been occasioned by the system of bailot which the new Lord Chamberlain has started, and under which many prominent people are excluded. By this novel mode of selection the names of well-known peersesses and of people unknown to fame are mixed together in a manner that is very distasteful to the former. Several titled women, when they found that they had been unsuccessful in the ballot, made representations to the highest quarters, with the result that even at the last moment there have been changes in the list. In spite of this a number of well-known women had their claims ignored. Mrs. Joseph H. Choate, wife of the United States Amhassador here, will present to the Queen Mrs. Alfred Parish, her sister; Misa Jennings, of New-York, and Miss Nora Neef, of Chicago.

QUEEN TO GO TO KENSINGTON .- The Queer is to come from Windsor on Monday, and will visit Kensington Palace, where her old apartments have been renovated preparatory to opening the palace to the public. Her Majesty's visit will be of a sentimental nature, as the rooms where she lived as a young girl have been restored to their former con-dition. Her bedroom contains showcases filled with her old toys, and her doll's house stands upon a table in the ante-chamber.

VICTORIA AND ALBERT MUSEUM .- The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the Victoria and Albert Museum on Wednesday will be an inlined with troops from Buckingham Palace, the royal cortege being escorted by the Life Guards Her Majesty will be accompanied by severa princes and princesses, and other royal personages will meet her at the site of the museum, where raised dals will be reserved for them. A grea Ambassadors, members of the Cabinet and leading State officials. The Prince of Wales will receive the Queen. The national anthem will be sung by pupils of the Royal College of Music. Afterward a madrigal specially composed by Alfred Austin, the Poet Laureate, will be sung to special music written by Sir Alexander Mackenzie, principal of the Royal Academy of Music. His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of All England, will read the prayers. The event is certain to be the occasion of a great patriotic demonstration.

ILLNESS OF THE DUKE OF YORK .- There has been considerable anxiety this week relative to the health of the Duke of York, who has been confined to his rooms with a severe cold. The Duke of York himself, however, made light of the matter, and, speaking with a visitor about the solicitude of the press on his behalf, said: "Really, I might almost be a Kipling."

SLOAN'S RIDING AT NEWMARKET .- The smart racing set, headed by the Prince of Wales, has been at Newmarket all the week, where "Tod" hibitions of horsemanship, and gained some of hi victories by amazing skill and judgment. Sloan now holds the record for the Newmarket course which up to Thursday was fifty-two wins and fifty-two losses. The Rowley Mile, over which most of Sloan's victories have been achieved, has been christened "Tod Sloan Avenue." The Frince of Wales chatted with Sloan in the paddock on Wednesday and congratulated him upon his suc-

PHILANTHROPIC GIFTS.-Joseph Chamber lain blossomed forth this week as a st beggar in the cause of philanthropy. He recently asked for \$250,000 for the Birmingham University. and Andrew Carnegie's gift practically completes the sum required. The conditions of Mr. Carnegle's donation meet the warm approval of the

Mr. Chamberlain on Wednesday presided at a dinner in aid of a fund for the establishment of his school of tropical medicine, and by the time the coffee was reached subscriptions amounting to fis. 800 had been announced. Mr. Chamberlain, in the course of an interesting speech at this dinner on "The White Man's Burden," dwelt upon the fact that the greatest enemy of the white manwas not the hostility of savage chiefs, the influence of barbarous customs or the physical difficulties of tropical countries, but malarial fevers. A new school, devoted to experiments and research for remedies for tropical diseases will be situated in the vicinity of the docks, where subjects are never lacking.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. LOW.-Seth Low president of Columbia University, New-York, who is here on the way to the Peace Conference at The Hague, in discussing the conditions of Mr. Carnegie's gift to the Birmingham University, said: "The condition attached to the gift, that the scientific school be made the principal department of the institution, is wise and characteristic of the Our American universities from the first adapted themselves to the immediate needs and aspirations of the people. The tendency in England is toward too conservative and stereotype fixed curricula. Oxford and Cambridge are going to be left by other universities where utilitarian needs are catered for. In this lies the present strength of Germany, and America is forging ahead in her electrical and general mechanical produc-Englishmen will very soon recognize that Mr. Carnegie's idea is correct, and adapt their com Mr. Carnegie's idea is correct, and adapt their commercial nurseries more to the needs of the country. Everybody here seems awake to America's tendency to forge ahead, and her way of 'getting there at any cost, and you will see that Englishmen, who are now hesitating what line to take, will ere long rush to follow America's example. "Regarding the Peace Commission," Mr. Low said, "I am not free to speak. We all recognize the great responsibility that has been thrust upon us, but we cannot make any statement respecting the lines on which we shall proceed. I can say that our instructions are definite and distinct. No opportunity for bringing the Czar's humane wishes into effect will be lightly considered by the American representatives."

COLONEL BATES COMING HERE.-Lieuten ant-Colonel Alfred E. Bates, formerly military at taché of the American Embassy, who sails for the United States to-day on board the American Line steamer St. Louis, spoke warmly regarding the courtesy with which he had been received on all sides since coming to London. Speaking of the Philippines, Colonel Bates said: "I can say of my own knowledge that British military men applaud our troops out there, while they regard our splendid naval officers and sallors as the heroes of the war. They have become as well known and highly ap-preciated here among service men as they are in

DIMENSIONS OF THE SHAMROCK. - The measurements of Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Shamrock, the challenger for the America's Cup, are given in yachting papers as follows: Length over all, 130 feet; at water-line, 89 feet; breadth of beam, 24 feet. There has been unexpected difficulty it boring holes through the yacht's keel for the keel bolts, and it is now feared that it will be impossible to launch the Shamrock before the middle o June.

MOODY TO HOLD REVIVAL MEETINGS .-Dwight L. Moody, the American evangelist, has accepted an invitation to hold revival meetings at Glasgow in October next.

MR. WHISTLER'S ART WORK .- The International Art Exhibition, of which James McNelli Whistler is the chief promoter, opened on Monday. The exhibition attracted much attention, but proved a disappointment, in that it did not equal the high standard established last year. Critics lament Mr. Whistier's failure to produce anything equal to his past work. NEWS OF THE THEATRES.-The theatrical

and musical season is at the full tide of prosperity. The libraries have bought up all the seats at plays like "The Gay Lord Quex," "The Tyranny of Tears" and "Robespierre," which at present are the great successes of London. It is impossible to get good seats at advanced library prices under a for good seats at advanced library prices under a fortnight. Beerbohm Tree, quick to recognize the failure of "Carnac Sahib," which he produced so lavishiy a few weeks ago, will revive "The Captain's Wife" on Saturday next.

Annie Russell arrived in London on Thursday, and is already busy rehearsing the play in which she will make her debut at the Duke of York's Theatre at the end of the month.

"LOHENGRIN" TO BE GIVEN.-The opera season starts remarkably well. The Queen has com-manded to Mr. Grau to give a performence of "Lohengrin" on May 24, the cast to include the D Reszke brothers, Mme. Nordica and Mme. Schu mann-Heink.

MANY CONCERTS PROMISED .- A plethora of concerts is announced for London next week. Paderewski will give his only recital on Tuesday. The planist sails for the United States on October 10, by the Pavonia. Mme. Patti makes her first appearance since her marriage at the Queen's Hall on Thursday. She is arranging for an American tour next winter.

MR. HENSCHEL'S OPERA.-George Henschel's opera "Nubra" will be produced at the Royal Opera

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House at Dresden next spring, under the personal direction of the composer. This will necessitate Mr. Henschel's staying in Europe this year and the cancellation of a tour which was being arranged for himself and Mrs. Henschel.

### LIVE TOPICS FROM BERLIN.

DISCUSSION OVER NAVAL INCREASE.-The vigorous agitation in favor of an increase in the Navy extra appropriation that was sanctioned by the Reichstag continues. The Flotten Verein, a naval society with a membership of forty thousand, urges that the Nation hasten the building of new vessels and demands the increase if Germany is no to be out-manœuvred by more active nations at all points of the world where a vigorous display of naval power may be necessary. The "Neuesten Nachrichten" advocates the doubling of the naval resources. The "Post" and the Cologne "Gazette" follow the same tenor. The Cologne "Volks-Zeit-ung" arks why advocates of naval increase do not ung" arks why advocates of naval increase do not introduce a bill in the Reichstag, where the real opinion of the Nation can be speedily determined. Emperor William favors a large increase, and what has been done to influence public opinion has been with his full approval, but the Emperor considers himself bound by assurances on his behalf that he will not go beyond the recently approved naval plan, relying upon the force of recent events to impress the Nation and the Reichstag that another naval increase is incumbent upon Germany, and hoping that the Reichstag will take the initiative. The leaders of the Reichstag will take the initiative. The leaders of the Reichstag, however, deem it improbable that a further bill will be introduced at this session, as the Reichstag will be fully occupied until late in the summer.

LITTLE TALK ABOUT SAMOA .- Respecting Samoa and the Philippines, the press of Germany has barely commented this week, and the excitement over the alleged German damage claims has died out completely, owing, probably, to official utter-ances, the press stating that the claims, of which nothing is yet officially known, will be adjusted in the regular way and in due course of time. The Government press publishes an account of a meeting of the chiefs of all the commercial firms, in Samea, at which the future disposition of the Islands was discussed, and the opinion expressed that Germany's acquisition of sovereign rights was the best possible solution.

TESTING A NEW LAMP .- The Emperor went o the environs of Metz this week to witness experiments with an acetylene lamp, the invention of commander of the fortress, General Neisse. The lamp was shown to be excellent for the search of battle-fields for the wounded. The light is of enormous power, making it possible to read print at a distance of two hundred yards. The Emperor ordered that a number of regiments be equipped with these lamps at the approaching manœuvres.

EMPEROR'S SUMMER PLANS.-The Emperor's travelling plans for the summer include a trip to he Baltic Canal on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern. On June 15 His Majesty will witness the North German Regatta. On June 21 the Emperor and Empress will arrive at Kiel, where they will stay one week to witness a regatta. On July 7 the Emperor will start on a Norseland trip on board the Hohenzollern. The trip will last a month:

CROWN PRINCE TO ENTER BONN.-The Crown Prince of Germany will begin his studies at he University of Bonn, at Eastertide, next year, His parents are much worried because scrofula, which troubled the early days of the eider sons, has broken out in the younger children. The physicians have ordered Prince Joschim, Prince Oscar and Princess Victoria to Kreuznach. Prince Adelbert's cruise around the world has been postponed for the same reason.

THE TUBERCULOSIS CONGRESS .- The Foreign Office has received information that Dr. von Schweinitz has been appointed as the American representative to the Tuberculosis Congress.

MR. WHITE'S INSTRUCTIONS .- F. W. Holls. secretary of the American delegation to the International Peace Conference, arriver here to-day bringing to Ambassador White President McKingley's instructions regarding the conference at The Hague. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron von Bülow, will receive Mr. Holls on Monday, when the latter will convey friendly and informal statements from Washington.

AMERICAN GIRL'S WEDDING .- Miss Smith, of Minneapolis, was married this evening to Herr Kamper, a distinguished and wealthy German.

TAX BILL DROPPED.-The Government has de elded not to introduce the proposed bill in the Dies for the special taxing of big retail stores. The Government had intended to favor small stores at the expense of large ones, but met with such determined opposition from the commercial world that the bill was dropped.

FIGHTING IN VALLADOLID STREETS.

AFFRAY BETWEEN STUDENTS AND CAVALRY CADETS.

Valladolid, Spain, May 13.-A dispute between a student and a cavalry cadet led to a desperate fight between students of the University of Valladolld and cadets on the Promenade Acera yester-day. The students used sticks and chairs, and the cadets fought with swords. Tradesmen were obliged to close their shops while the affray lasted. A number of the combatants were injured before officers intervened and separated them.

The fight was renewed in the evening, when workmen took the part of the students, shouting "Long live the people!" Several cavalry afficers also joined in the fray, which continued until the

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DELEGATES REACH THE HAGUE.

BUSSIA'S REPRESENTATIVES ARRIVE - MANT The Hague, May, 13.-Baron de Staal and the

other Russian delegates to the International Disarmament Congress arrived here to-night, being the first of the official representatives to reach the city. The first of the American delegates are expected to arrive here on Wednesday. The townspeople, as well as the Government, have made great preparations fittingly to entertain guests. There has already been a great influx of visitors, and all available rooms in hotels and residences have been engaged at greatly enhanced prices. Quarters for the delegates have been engaged for six weeks, indicating a unanimous belief that the conference will be prolonged. About 120 delegates will be entitled to vote. Extraordinary precautions have been taken to prevent unauthorized persons from galning admission to the Huis ten Bosch, where the sessions of the conference will be held.

FLOODS IN GERMAN RIVERS.

LARGE DISTRICTS INUNDATED AND MANY LIVES

Berlin, May 13 .- Although the rains have stopped throughout Germany, the floods continue and the rivers Elbe, Oder, Saale and Bode are still rising. Large districts have been overflowed and many bridges have been carried away. At Dresden, Pirna Breslau three laborers were killed by the caving in of a river bank. All the Silesian rivers are flooded At Warmbrunn an ancient bridge has been de-stroyed.

SOCIALIST NEWSPAPERS PROSECUTED. Berlin, May 13 .- Contrary to the custom hitherts of permitting the press to criticise Parliamentary proceedings freely, the Prussian Herren House has begun an action against four Socialist newspapers for defamation for criticising the debates on the bill for the restriction of the right of free residence.

THE REICHSTAG TO ADJOURN. Berlin, May 13.-Emperor William has consented to an adjournment of the Reichstag from July 18 to November 10. Parliamentary authorities believe that this is owing to the Government's wish to pre-pare a number of important bills.

BIRT SENTENCED TO PRISON. London, May 13 .- G. R. Birt, chairman and mandisappeared in February leaving a deficit of over 1200,000 in the accounts of the company, was sentenced to-day to nine months' imprisonment. Mr. Birt is seventy years old and is the father of thirteen children.

MARRIED TWO DAYS AFTER DIVORCE. The wife of Charles G. Parker, a corset manufacturer, at No. 568 Broadway, obtained a divorce from him on April 24, and it has been reported that two days after the divorce was obtained. Parket. in New-Brunswick, N. J., married Mrs. Annie F. Harley, whose husband obtained a divorce last September on account of her relations with Parker. At the time of the Harley divorce Mrs. Parker 100 far forgave her husband as to continue to live with him at the Hotel Majestic and allow Mrs. Harley to live with the family. The Parkers have four children, who are now in the care of their mother. By the terms of the divorce obtained in April. Mrs. Parker is to receive \$102 a week \$15 mony and \$375 a year on a life insurance policy, with permission to apply for an increase of the ailmony if Mr. Parker's income becomes greater than \$10,000 a year. Mrs. Parker and her chidren have arranged to sail for Europe next month, and Parker and his second wife are to go to Europe in July.

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